

## <u>Minutes from the ZOOM Meeting of the PRRA</u> <u>held on Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.00 p.m</u>

**Present:** Esther Kirk, Richard Glover, Leanne Armstrong, Richard Walters, Judie McEnallay, John McEnallay, Les Roa, Conrad Nagel, Kirsty Garrett, Councillors Kevin Marsh, John Scrimgeour

## Apologies: Carole Forrester

With Covid-19 Level 3 currently in place, the PRRA Committee met online at a ZOOM hui.

## 1. Approval of April Minutes

The minutes of the April 2020 meeting had been distributed and read prior to meeting. It was moved that those minutes are a true and accurate record.

Moved Esther Kirk Seconded Neil Carter Carried

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Trudi noted there was very little activity to report for April. She mentioned that a few new members came through in March due to the signups gathered at the Pukehina Motorama Event at Midway Park bringing in \$240 in revenue. Two of these new members have not paid and Trudi will follow this up. The bank account is just under \$3,500 at the end of April as well as the term deposit being rolled over every 3 months. We have 153 members as at the end of April compared to 149 from the previous year with a substantial increase in income due to the extra \$10 added to subscriptions this year. There are only two accounts for payment this month:

\$129.00 for Tarnix Security \$398.47 Xero charges (Jan, Feb, March)

It was moved that these invoices be approved for payment.

Moved Richard Glover	Seconded	John McEnallay	Carried
It was further moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.			
Moved Trudi Ballantyne	Seconded	Richard Glover	Carried

#### ACTION: Trudi Ballantyne



## 3. Action Point Updates from April Minutes

• Council's Matching Fund - Esther

Esther advised that the Community Matching Fund has been reworked for this coming year and in its place is a new 'Community Resilence Fund' that she and Kirsty will look into and see if we match the new criteria. Esther further advised that once they had drafted up a submission she would distribute to the Committee.

Details from Council's website are as follows:

"Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Community Resilience Fund has been launched in efforts to help local groups – registered charities, non-governmental organisations (NGO), incorporated societies or community groups – needing additional funding for their projects in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The one-off \$300,000 fund is one of the support packages within Council's Economic Recovery Plan to assist the local economy and provide relief in the medium and long term.

The fund is a consolidation of Council's two annual community funding pools the Community Matching Fund and the Facilities in the Community Fund. It is anticipated both funds will resume in 2021"

• Estuary Erosion Mitigation - Leanne

Leanne advised that as she has previously reported both she and Esther have been unsuccessful in getting any response from DOC regarding setting up a meeting with them and other interested parties to discuss estuary erosion mitigation. She advised that as we are moving to Level 2 this Thursday she will get together with Esther to prepare a letter for distribution to DOC, Western Bay and Regional Councils for their approval. This letter will outline our willingness to help in any way we can but that we are not a regulatory body and that it is up to DOC to contact residents who are dumping rubbish and to notify the 6 to 8 residents who have encroached over their boundaries.

Kevin Marsh noted that Regional Council have finished work on the Maketu side of the estuary now and have moved their operations over to Little Waihi side. He added that he has a meeting with the Regional Council and other experts on the 25th to discuss erosion mitigation for Bledisloe Park. He also noted that it is now forbidden to use rocks and only sandbags are allowed for this purpose. John Scrimgeour added that the philosophy goes beyond Regional Council's preference for soft options such as sandbags rather than hard materials like rocks but is promoted by advisors like Jim Dahm who are heavily promoting the use of sand. Kevin noted that he would report back to the Committee after the meeting to advise the outcome and what solutions had been proposed.

## ACTION: Leanne/Esther/Kevin

• Newsletter - Esther

Esther showed her draft Newsletter to the Committee with reference to the various topics discussed at last month's meeting with the addition of adding some Covid Level 2 information. She suggested that some project updates from the Committee would be good to include as well as updates from



Coast Care and WBOP District Council such as recycling, rates info etc. Leanne suggested adding information on the Antenno app to remind residents to contact Council when they see anything that requires attention.

## ACTION: Esther

#### • Email to Miriam to get updates on rating, projects, recycling - Richard

Richard advised that he had forwarded the reply to his email from Council's Charlene Page as well as the WBOP District Council's update from their website regarding rates relief to the Committee. Judie advised that she posted Council's Economic Recovery Plan to our Facebook page today. John Scrimgeour advised that the matter of rates relief has not yet been finalised but basically Council is looking at reducing the penalties for late payment and a financial hardship benefit for low income ratepayers that will take \$600 off your rates' payment.

Esther noted that several Councils around the country have signaled a zero percent rates increase and asked Councillors whether Western Bay District Council have discussed this option. John Scrimgeour said it had been discussed but he noted that the costs of running Council have to be calculated before you can decide whether you can achieve a zero rate increase or not. The Councillors advised that this issue is currently under discussion at Council.

Esther mentioned that it was great to see the Community Resilience Fund has been launched as she knows that Council's primary function is around infrastructure, water, pipes, roads etc but infrastructure is also about community and it is appreciated that this fund is still available for community projects.

Richard advised that the boat ramp repairs will be proceeding with a date to be advised.

Richard also advised that Katikati and Te Puke recycling centres have reopened under reduced hours and service. The Pongakawa BP Recycling trial is going to reopen with a date to be advised.

#### New Residents Welcome Pack - Judie

Judie advised she had completed a draft and forwarded to Esther for her comments. Judie noted that she was not comfortable listing the child care/preschool information without any recommendations. If this is to be included, she believes that further research be undertaken to ensure the reliability of these establishments. Conrad noted that he had spoken with a young mum recently about childcare facilities and would follow this up.

#### ACTION: Judie/Conrad



• Waste & Recycling information/Feedback - Conrad

Conrad advised he spoke with a gentleman from Kleena Bins but is waiting for further information. Esther shared information on last year's Council community consultation regarding waste management services. Full details will be known once the tender process is complete in 2020 with the services starting in July 2021. There is good information on the WBOP District Council website if we need to get a report out to anyone. <u>https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/council/projects/waste-management-and-minimization-investigations</u>

• Website Domain Renewal – John

Vision Lab sent through advice that the domain name is up for renewal and John advised the Committee that this has been done though to date no invoice for the service has been sent to us. John also noted that until last year Vision Lab had been hosting out site in New Zealand and about 3 months' ago they moved the hosting to the US. John would like to approach Vision Lab and see if it is possible to host our site in NZ rather than the US to support the local economy.

## ACTION: John

• Order more bike numbers – Trudi and Ray White stickers - Neil

Neil advised that the Ray White stickers are underway. Trudi has contacted Mackie Signs and ordered the numbers but hasn't heard back yet whether they are ready for collection. Trudi will follow up on this to see when they will be ready.

#### ACTION: Trudi

## 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

• Civil Defence Update

# Judie advised that as Carole was unable to attend the Zoom meeting she had sent along an update as follows:

I would just like to say that the residents of Pukehina Beach have shown a huge amount of community during this whole situation.

There have been a very diverse amount of skills been shown to share information and support each other along with a remarkable amount of aroha and financial support put out there for community members to access.

This shows us that we are very well equipped to cope in any emergency situations that may arise in the future.

The local CD team were not called on by either individuals, via the PRRA or the local emergency services which shows us that the community are both prepared and able to take control of themselves in an emergency which is very gratifying.

Any feed back from anyone on the situation we have been on would be valuable for our team to both evaluate and react to in our plan.



It has also been pleasing to see our *C D* reacting both proactively and practically with the support of Police and Emergency services. Overall we can be very proud of the community we live in. We really do live in Paradise both here and in NZ.

## • Environmental Enhancement Fund

Leanne advised she has been looking into the Environmental Enhancement Fund with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and wondered whether Kirsty would like to do some further investigation. This fund is open all year and supports local projects that aim to enhance, preserve or protect the region's natural or historic character, to improve the environment, raise environmental awareness and use enthusiasm and skills of the community. An amount up to \$25,000 is available for each project and submissions need to include quotes, estimate of costs. Leanne suggested this may be suitable for the cycle walkway or jetty projects once erosion mitigation and boat ramp repairs have been completed. Leanne offered to email the application form and details to Kirsty for further investigation.

## ACTION: Leanne/Kirsty

Neighbourhood Support

Judie advised that she had invited Kate Blakeborough to attend tonight's meeting but she was unavailable. Judie also noted that the Committee had discussed not receiving any updates from BOP Neighbourhood Support at the March meeting and since then the updates have been coming through. The format of the newsletter is not suitable for easy update to the Facebook Page so Judie suggested she would contact Bruce to see if he is able to send in PDF or some other suitable format.

## There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next meeting of the PRRA Committee would be on Monday June 8, 2020 at 7pm.



## **ACTION POINTS**

- Trudi to follow up non-payment of fees by 2 members signed up at Autorama
- Esther and Kirsty to prepare a draft submission for WBOP District Council's new 'Community Resilence Fund' (replacement for the Matching Fund)
- Leanne/Esther Prepare a draft letter regarding estuary erosion mitigation for distribution to DOC, Western Bay and Regional Councils for their approval
- Kevin report back to Committee after meeting regarding Bledisloe Park erosion on May 25th
- Esther to finalise next Newsletter
- Judie to finalise the Welcome Pack for new residents.
- Conrad to provide information regarding preschools/play centres for inclusion in Welcome Pack.
- Neil to arrange printing and distribution through Ray White once lockdown is over.
- John to contact Vision Lab regarding hosting of website in New Zealand rather than USA.
- Trudi to contact Mackie Signs regarding delivery of new numbers for Bikes on Beach programme
- Leanne to email Kirsty with details of BOP Regional Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund
- Kirsty to investigate criteria for application and prepare draft submission for Environmental Enhancement Fund



## Correspondence Inward:

#### Email:

April 2020 Social Link newsletter WBOP District Council Caroline Lim - info on Covid-19 WBOP Minutes from Maketu-Te Puke Ward forum meeting Social Link newsletter Mark Boyle – update from Maketu Hauora WBOP District Council newsletter Social Link newsletter **BRG** newsletter BRG - invoice BRG - statement Survey Monkey update Carole Lim - community update Survey Monkey newsletter **TECT** newsletter Social Link newsletter Caroline Lim – notification of Council's matching fund opening Vision Lab - notification of domain name renewal Vision Lab newsletter **BRG Newsletter** Caroline Lim - update on Council's matching fund Social Link Newsletter Survey Monkey - notice of webinar TECT newsletter Tarnix April invoice Social ink newsletter Vector Group Te Puke Community News Caroline Lim - info on Council operating under Level 3

#### **Correspondence Outward**

**Email:** March 2020

Dave Sargent – update on information on rates relief Pukehina Markets – information request for inclusion in Info Pack Vision Lab – approval to renew domain name Kate Blakeborough – invite to PRRA Committee Meeting